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ARTICLES HAVING A STRETCH
PANEL AND AN INTEGRATED
WAIST SIZE ADJUSTMENT
MECHANISM

Response to Restriction Requirement Without Traverse

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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed November 16, 2000, Applicants respectfully elect claims to be prosecuted by way of the present application. That is, Applicants elect claims 1-8, 11, 15, 16-28, 32-42, 44 and Claim 9 from Group I and Claims 12, 29, and 43 from Group II for prosecution in the present application.

This election is made **without traverse**. Applicants specifically reserve the right to seek patent protection for non-elected subject matter by divisional application.

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